



Term 1's Off-Campus Learning

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

We might want the rainy season to end, but once it ends we have an even hotter season waiting for us. Pool lessons have also started, so it is definitely starting to feel like summer. In June Grade 6 had their Hakone trip and the other grades went on their excursions.

Grade 6's three-day two-night trip was during a rainy period, but the weather turned out pleasant enough for their trip. Being away from their parents, the children understood the importance of cooperation and consideration during the overnight stay.

Grade 1 listened closely to the teacher's instructions and walked to and from Arisugawa Memorial Park. They remained in good spirits without showing any sign of fatigue.

Grade 2 visited the Shinagawa Aquarium and participated in events and observations in groups. For the finale, they watched the aquarium's dolphin show.

Grades 3 and 4 went on their excursion with the Vice Principal. Together they tackled the athletic courses at Heiwanomori Park and learned the importance of overcoming challenges that come with travelling with different grades.

Grade 5 visited Yokohama Zoorasia. To prepare for their summer trip to Hakone, they practiced visiting a large site while being responsible for their own punctuality and time management, including eating lunch within a time limit.

Each grade was able to participate in off-campus learning in ways that were appropriate to their stage of development. One can also sense the importance of establishing a strong foundation at Grade 1 and building up from there.

I would like to thank parents, guardians, and community members for their understanding and cooperation in our school's educational endeavors. During the summer break, we will have swim lessons, parent-teacher meetings, and Grade 5's trip to Hakone. We hope the students will be able to experience many things over summer while maintaining a healthy daily routine so that they can come back for the second term with bright smiles on their faces.

Date	Day	Events
1	M	Morning Assembly, Committees④, Safety lesson
2	Tu	Grade 6 Roppongi JH experience
3	W	
4	Th	Higashimachi Festival set up
5	F	Higashimachi Festival
6	Sa	
7	Su	
8	M	Morning Assembly, Clubs④
9	Tu	
10	W	
11	Th	Student Assembly (Health Committee)
12	F	Evacuation drill, School board meeting 16:00
13	Sa	
14	Su	
15	M	Marine Day
16	Tu	Color Vision Test (G4 if requested), Family Asobi③
17	W	Color Vision Test (G4 if requested)
18	Th	Student Assembly (Steering Committee), School lunch ends
19	F	Closing Ceremony
20	Sa	
21	Su	
22	M	Summer Vacation begins Summer Pool①
23	Tu	Summer Pool②, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings①
24	W	Summer Pool③, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings②
25	Th	Summer Pool④, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings③
26	F	Summer Pool⑤, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings④
27	Sa	
28	Su	
29	M	Summer Pool⑥, G5 health check for Hakone Trip
30	Tu	Summer Pool⑦, G5 Hakone Trip
31	W	Summer Pool⑧, G5 Hakone Trip

Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

July's Goal
"Let's tidy up!"

Notices

Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings

Individual parent-teacher meetings will be held for four days from July 23. We would like to share about your child's studies and time at school as well as what to expect in from their growth in the near future.

Summer Swim Lessons

This year's summer swim lessons will be from July 22 (Mon.) to July 26 (Fri.), 29 (Mon.) to 31 (Wed.), August 27 (Tues.), and August 28 (Wed.). **To participate, students must submit an application beforehand and receive the summer pool card.** Details will be provided later.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights day will be Thursday the 11th. The lunch that day will be mahi-mahi sandwiches from Hawai'i (U.S.A.).

Applying for Smile Room and Special Assistance for the 3rd Term

Special Education Coordinator Yoshiko Saita
We are now accepting applications for Smile Room – where children with developmental concerns can attend classes to overcome or improve their difficulties in daily life and learning – and for the assignment of a learning assistant to provide individualized support for specific areas of difficulty in their class.

Parents who are not currently receiving such support and who wish for their child to attend the Smile Room or have a learning assistant assigned to their child are asked to consult with the homeroom teacher, school nurse, or vice principal by Monday, September 9.

*Please feel free to contact us for more information or if you have any questions.

The Higashimachi Festival

Yurie Suzuki, Special Activities

This year, the Higashimachi Festival will be held on July 5 (Fri.) from 1st to 4th period. Grade 1 will be customers, and Grades 2 to 6 will be both shopkeepers and customers in their shops. By preparing for their shops now, each class hopes their activities will deepen their interactions with students from other grades. All classes are discussing the kind of shop they want to set up and thinking of creative ideas to make their shops enjoyable for everyone. We hope families can support their children's school activities by discussing the Higashimachi Festival at home.

In-School Teacher Development

Yoshiyasu Tabei

The faculty at Higashimachi is dedicated to regularly researching and training in order to further develop their educational techniques and adopt appropriate methods to suit the children's individual needs.

Part of this training includes in-school development. This year's theme can be translated as "When Teachers Change, Students Change: Creating a sense of security in the classroom." Development of this theme will be practiced through ball exercises in physical education. We hope the results of our research and development will be effective in other subjects as well.

Classes that have teacher development lessons will stay at school longer than other grades. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

Grade 6 Hakone Trip

Ayaka Mitsuta, Grade 6

Grade 6 went to Hakone from June 3 (Mon.) to June 5 (Wed.). There they participated in the trip's unique activities in addition to their daily duties as committee members and task monitors. We could see them thinking seriously about what kind of trip it was going to be.

By taking responsibility for the daily tasks assigned to them, and with no rainy weather impeding their adventure, the students returned to school with a sense of fulfillment.

More events are waiting for them, and we hope they will utilize these experiences to become Higashimachi's leaders.